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TITLE: MOLD FOR USE IN SLIP CASTING, AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
OPEN POROUS BODY FOR USE IN MOLD

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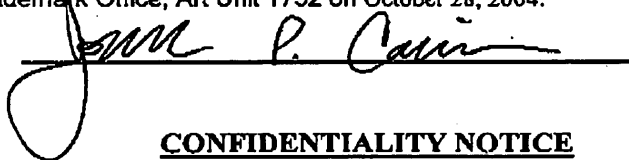
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Title: Method of Slip Casting Powdery Material, Mold For Use In
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AMENDMENT B

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